

TUES. 5/9/72 Swannell hurt at Wycombe

Wycombe Wanderers 0
Hendon 1

JOHN SWANNELL, Hendon's international goalkeeper, was injured in a crashing fall during their grand 1-0 Isthmian League win over champions Wycombe Wanderers at Loakes Park on Tuesday, and is doubtful for the visit to Bromley tomorrow (Saturday), writes John Pollard.

Swannell's mishap occurred after 52 minutes. He managed to push away a dangerous free-kick from Gerry Olson, but was sent flying as John Delaney challenged. After landing awkwardly, the goalkeeper lay writhing on the ground.

Hendon Secretary John Doyle was angered by the delay "at least 40 seconds" before referee Mr T. Bunc (Plaistow) stopped play, after the ball had been kicked out of play by Rod Halder, and Swannell was able to receive attention from physiotherapist John Muir. It could also have cost Hendon a vital goal as the net was unguarded.

After the game, Swannell visited Wycombe General Hos-

pital for examinations, but had a long wait without receiving attention and decided to drive home and visit his local hospital the next day.

Mr Muir said: "John was coughing up blood, and it appears that his shoulder muscles have been wrenched."

Top-of-the-table Hendon fully deserved their seventh successive league win, and revenge for defeat by the same margin in the corresponding match last season.

Great winner

Their winner, in the 35th minute, was a magnificent effort from full-back Tony Jennings. A corner kick, by Bobby Childs, was headed clear by Delaney and, from the extreme edge of the penalty area, Jennings powered a cross-shot inside the far upright.

The clash between the champions and the Amateur Cup holders certainly lived up to expectations. Hendon entertained with a cultured brand of football in the first half, and

the excitement was provided as they were penned in their own half for most of the second period.

Said Hendon manager: John Evans: "The general impression might have been that Wycombe deserved a draw after dominating the second half. But I would not agree, because their build-up was so painfully slow that they merely confused themselves by creating congestion in our penalty area."

Troublesome

Hendon were stroking the ball about neatly, and John Baker worried Wycombe with his forceful runs, which kept the defence on the alert.

Maskell was at his best when he tipped over a tremendous rising shot from Haider. It was from the resultant corner that Jennings crashed his great goal.

With Wycombe striving to get on terms early in the second half, Hendon's raids were restricted to breakaways that might have produced more goals.

Bass was using his air power to good effect, mostly in a defensive role, in curbing the menace of Delaney in the danger zone. But he forced Maskell to save brilliantly on one occasion.

Swannell made a handful of splendid saves, but Hendon had a narrow squeak in the 60th minute. Deadman grounded Searle, and referee Mr T. Bunc (Plaistow) pointed to the penalty spot. But a linesman was waving his flag vigorously and, after consultations, the referee awarded a free-kick to Wycombe just outside the area.

Wycombe's efforts petered out, and it was only a great save by Maskell that prevented Connell adding a second goal for Hendon in the last minute.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell, P. Birdseye, D. Gamblin, G. Olson, J. Delaney, B. Davies, A. Amos, L. Pritchard, K. Searle, J. Hutchinson, R. Williams. Substitute: M. Hollifield.

Hendon: J. Swannell, T. Jennings, G. Hand, P. Deadman, A. Phillips, R. Haider, R. Childs, J. Connell, T. Bass, J. Baker, P. Fry. Substitute: G. Rocknean.